

What are the 'Best Career and Education Web Sites?'

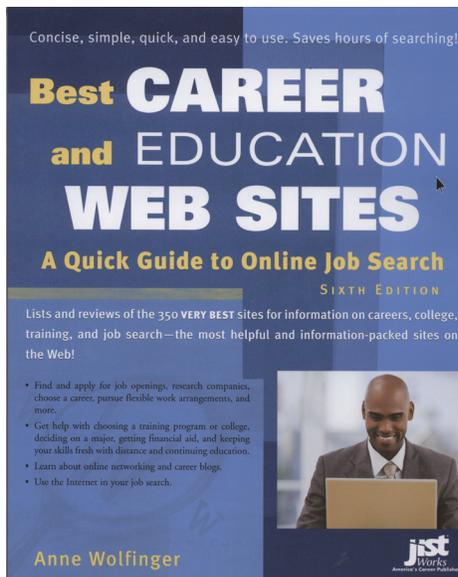
The Internet is loaded with information to help you find a job, choose a school or learn about careers. That's great – if you know how to find what you're looking for.

But if you don't, it's easy to get bogged down in information overload.

The Best Career and Education Web Sites (DANTES Stock #2440, 6th edition 2008) has researched and reviewed thousands of career, job search and education sites on the Web and has included the best places for solid information and advice.

No more wading through site after site – this book has already done the hard work for you. It will show you how to use the power of the Internet to help you:

- ☞ explore career alternatives



- ☞ find thousands of job openings
- ☞ transition from the military to a civilian career
- ☞ choose the right college, technical school or instruction

program

- ☞ find out about financial aid options
- ☞ link directly to thousands of schools for specific information
- ☞ take online courses at home, through distance learning.

The Best Career and Education Web Sites lists sites on financial aid, distance learning, career exploration, apprenticeships and job training, salary information, job interviews and resume writing, self assessments and college rankings.

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Military dependent children eligible for scholarship money

The fourth annual Homefront America Inc. American Patriot Freedom Scholarship award for military dependent children is currently accepting applications.

For program applications, eligibility requirements and guidelines, go to <http://www.oohrah-usa.org> and <http://www.homefrontamerica.org>. Applications must be postmarked by April 24, 2009.

“We are deeply grateful to have the continued support of Saras Hope Foundation, the program’s founding sponsor.” says Arthur Hasselbrink, founder and president of Homefront America. “There is no doubt the foundation’s generosity has and continues to change lives.”

About the American Patriot Freedom Scholarship

The American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Program was established in 2006 to offer appreciation to those families who have dedicated themselves to protecting the American virtues that we all enjoy. In May, the program will reach a milestone – \$ 95,000 in scholarships awarded.

“Our troops say ‘yes’ time and again to our country’s needs, and we cannot think of a better way to thank them for their sacrifices than to invest in their children’s future,” said Dan Tate of Saras Hope.

To view past awardees’ essays and personal stories, visit the organization’s Web sites.

About Homefront America

Homefront America Inc. is an all-volunteer, IRS-recognized, 501c3, nonprofit organization.

The organization dedicates itself to serving the men and women in uniform by honoring and supporting their families with compassion, care, guidance and meaningful assistance.

Volunteers are needed to help judge the essays. Judges will read 25 essays of 500 words or less and should have a good command of the English language.

Those interested in judging should send an e-mail to mamie@homefrontamerica.org.

About Saras Hope

Saras Hope offers scholarships to high school students who perform random acts of kindness.



DANTES TRIVIA

This is the ninth in a series of trivia questions commemorating DANTES 35th anniversary, which will be celebrated July 29, 2009, at DoD's Worldwide Education Symposium in Atlanta. Be the first person to submit the correct answer to pubs@navy.mil for a chance to win a special prize and be recognized at the Symposium.

Question #9:

As of Feb. 26, 2009, how many National Test Centers (NTC) are operating in the U.S.?

Click button to submit answer or e-mail it to pubs@navy.mil



Congratulations to Terry Brubaker, ESO, Mountain Post Training & Education Center, Fort Carson, Colo., who was the first to answer that DANTES' policy guidance is issued from the office of the Under Secretary of Defense.

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Coastline Community College President Ding-Jo Currie (second from left) receives the CCME Institution Award alongside her military and contract education managers (from left) Joycelyn Groot, Shawn Mann and Ed McKenney.

College recognized for commitment to U.S. Service members

Each year, the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) recognizes an institution for its significant contributions to military education.

Coastline Community College was chosen to receive the 2009 CCME Institution Award at a special ceremony on Jan. 29. The ceremony was held as part of CCME's annual symposium in Honolulu.

In addition to the CCME Institution Award, Coastline was named one of the top 20 military-friendly schools in the United States by Military Advanced Education magazine.

This is the second year in a row that Coastline has been cited as a "top 20" school.

Thousands of Service men and women stationed around the world are taking classes at Coastline Community College through the college's distance learning program.

Students complete their classes online or through other distance

learning modes (independent study, PDA courses, CD/DVD-rom courses, etc.) and often acquire enough credits to complete a degree without ever setting foot on a Coastline campus.

Recently, Coastline launched the Military Spouses Program, which enables military spouses to take online courses at a reduced tuition rate.

It also offers the benefit of free textbooks and no application or registration fees.

The program has been wildly successful.

"Military spouses require and deserve the same types of educational support and opportunities enjoyed by our Service members," said Shawn Mann. "It's this dedication that drives the college's Military Education department and the reason Coastline will continue to be recognized as a military-friendly school for years to come."

Thirty five years of DANTES



1974 — 2009



**Looking back
to the year:**

1976

During the first half of FY76, DANTES testing sections administered a total of 125,773 CLEP, SST and GED exams.



During the recent Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) conference in Honolulu, four of the VOLED community pose with copies of their cover photos at the Military Advanced Education Magazine booth. Pictured (from left) are Gary Woods, Jim Sweizer, Carolyn Baker and Jeff Cropsey.

DoD Worldwide Education Symposium 2009

Congratulations to Feb. trivia winner

Together, the two circles on back of the one dollar bill comprise the Great Seal of the United States. Congratulations to NCCM(SW/AW) Jose A. Velazquez, Center for Personal and Professional Development, Voluntary Education Career Counselor Liaison and Wounded Warrior Program Education Counseling Coordinator, who submitted the first correct answer to take the prize for Team Navy.

Team standings are as follows: Army 885; Navy 685; Marine Corps 640; Air Force 305; Schools 270; National Guard 185; Coast Guard 110 and Others 50.

The first correct response to reach dantesWW@navy.mil will earn the player's team 100 points toward the WW09 Team Spirit Award. A team is defined by the Service or organization indicated by that player's official e-mail address and current duty assignment. The first winning individual each month also will receive a limited-edition WW09 T-shirt. All correct responses received after the winner will earn 10 points for their team. Incorrect attempts will be awarded 5 points for playing.

March trivia question

Posting the Colors at DoD Worldwide kicks off the Symposium with the precision of a multi-Service Color Guard.

Question: Only two positions below the rank of brigadier general/rear admiral are authorized a positional color (flag). One is Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. What is the other position? *Hint: The incumbent of this position plans to appear on stage at WW09.*

Don't be left out!

DoD Worldwide is five months away, and DANTES is counting down the top 10 reasons you should attend.



#7: The exhibit hall will feature "Patriot Plaza" (a tribute to military Service members) and will be filled with more than 160 exhibitors.

Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs

Scholarships available to injured veterans

Applications are now open for the spring classes of Louis H. Schilt Memorial Scholarship program at Sessions Online Schools of Art and Design. For more information on the school, visit Sessions' Web site at <http://www.sessions.edu/portal>.

The scholarship offers Service members injured in the line of duty or their spouses the chance to develop skills for a career in graphic or Web design.

Award recipients gain the opportunity to enroll in a Sessions Graphic Design or Web Design certificate on a full scholarship. All required supplies, including

Apple iMac computers and Adobe CreativeSuite software, are provided to scholarship recipients at no cost.

The scholarship is designed to benefit Service members who have undergone a life-changing experience as a result of a physical or mental injury – or their spouses.

Candidates apply for the scholarship by writing a personal statement about their Service experience and injury, as well as a creative essay explaining their passion for the digital arts.

Both written components are judged by a scholarship awards committee.

Candidates also need to submit copies of official DD-214 injury documentation (physical or mental)

and must be over 18 years old and able to provide evidence of attaining a high school diploma, GED or college degree.

The application deadline for the class starting April 1 is March 6 – so the clock is ticking!

Students interested in applying should visit the scholarship program site to view student profiles, interviews and a gallery of student work, as well as online application procedures.

It can be found online at <http://www.sessions.edu/scholarship/military/index.asp>. Questions about the program should be directed to scholarships@sessions.edu.

DANTES to pilot test 'language-to-go' program

Does your education center have Service members who could benefit from conversational language instruction in one of the less commonly taught languages such as Dari, Farsi, Hindi or Pashto among others?

If so, contact the DANTES Distance Learning Program manager at DantesDL@navy.mil or by phone at (850) 452-1111 ext. 3121 (DSN 922) by April 15, 2009.

If there is sufficient interest, DANTES will initiate a pilot program to provide language materials for Service members.

The program consists of an MP3 player, pre-loaded with language instruction.

Service members will be asked for feedback on the program to determine its usefulness and whether it should be continued.

Louis H. Schilt Memorial Scholarship | Home

<http://www.sessions.edu/scholarship/military/index.asp>

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The Louis H. Schilt Memorial Scholarship

HONORING INJURED VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES

Sessions Online® Schools of Art and Design honors the service of veterans of the United States armed services. Retraining for a new professional career after the trauma of an injury can be a challenge for service members and their families.

The Louis H. Schilt Memorial Scholarship offers service members injured in the line of duty and their spouses the chance to develop skills for a graphic or Web design career.

In an innovative program developed in partnership with the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (<http://www.java.org/>), Sessions will award \$1,000,000 in scholarships over a three-year period.

Award recipients gain the opportunity to enroll in a Sessions Graphic Design or Web Design certificate on a full scholarship. All required supplies, including state-of-the-art Apple iMac computers and Adobe Creative Suite software, are provided to scholarship recipients at no cost.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR SPRING 2009 CLASSES

ABOUT LOUIS H. SCHILT:

Louis H. Schilt was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, 21st Marines, Third Division. During the Second World War, Lou served in the Pacific... [LEARN MORE >>](#)

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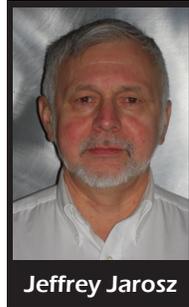
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SOC announces the selection of new Project Director for SOCMAR

ServiceMembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeffrey P. Jarosz as SOCMAR Project Director.

With a lifelong interest in languages and linguistics, Jarosz earned a baccalaureate in Russian from Georgetown University. He then served in the United States Navy for four years, serving in Subic Bay and on the USS Intrepid.



Jeffrey Jarosz

After his service, Jarosz returned to Georgetown University and earned a master's degree in Russian Literature.

Jarosz has 20 years of experience in higher education. In addition to teaching Russian Language and World Literature at Georgetown and Howard universities, he managed federally-funded education programs at the American Society for Engineering Education. He also managed the National Defense

Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship, Navy Summer Research Program for College Faculty and the Office of Naval Research Graduate Fellowship. Subsequently, at Johns Hopkins University, Jarosz was the director of education of the Engineering Research Center for Computer Integrated Surgery. He then worked with the Dean of Engineering on a five-year project to reform and update the engineering curriculum, with a focus on attracting more women and minorities to the engineering disciplines.

"I'm happy to join the talented staff of SOC," Jarosz remarked. "It will be an opportunity to combine my experience in association work, college administration and teaching, and my interests in curriculum reform and diversity. I'd like to continue the work of making higher education more accessible and more diverse. It's something I've wanted to do for a long time."

Testing Calendar

March 2009

9 – LSAT (U.S., Puerto Rico, and Canada)
13 – ECE Extended Response (Essay)

April 2009

5-11 – GRE Subject
17 – ECE Extended Response (Essay)
25-29 – Praxis*

May 2009

7, 12, 14 – ASE (CONUS)
12, 13, 14 – ASE (Overseas)
(ASE registration deadline: March 24)

June 2009

8 – LSAT (all locations)
19 – ECE Extended Response (Essay)

July 2009

25-29 – Praxis*

Notes:

– Overseas test sites send orders six weeks before the test date. CONUS test sites send orders four weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Choose only one day to administer. Submit separate Prometric order forms for GRE Subject and Praxis.

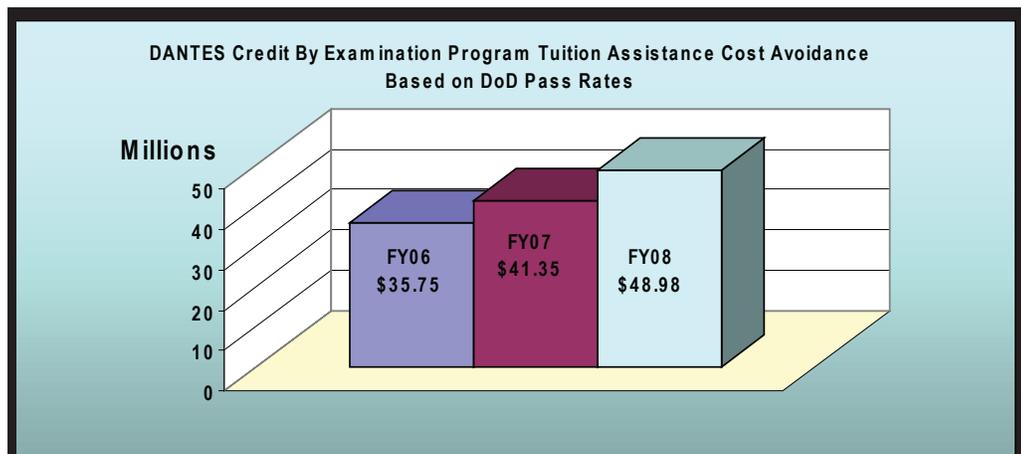
http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/exams_calendar.pdf

DANTES Testing Programs

Tuition Assistance Cost Avoidance

The FY08 tuition assistance (TA) cost avoidance numbers are here! With the continuing increase in funding levels for tuition assistance, earning credits by taking exams saves time and money.

The obvious advantage in encouraging Service members to take DANTES-sponsored CLEP, DSST and Excelsior College Exams versus registering for courses requiring expenditure of TA funds is illustrated by the chart at right.



Avg. course cost:

FY06 \$512
FY07 \$598
FY09 \$738

TCOs: Second quarter FY09 test inventory due April 1

Listed below are the instructions for help with the second quarter FY 09 Electronic Test Inventory that is due April 1, 2009.

Since the DANTES EMIS Web DATIP is designed with only a 15-day submission window (which runs from March 27 – April 10), there are no late exceptions permitted.

The **Submit Inventory** button is visible only during the submission window.

DANTES Monthly/Quarterly Inventory instructions

The DANTES Exam Management Information System (EMIS) Web DATIP (DANTES Automated Test Inventory Program) is centered on the due date, the first of the month.

This process is the same for those who have monthly or quarterly inventory requirements. Five days before the due date, an e-mail reminder is sent as a Web DATIP system message to all stocking test control officers (TCO) announcing the opening of the inventory window.

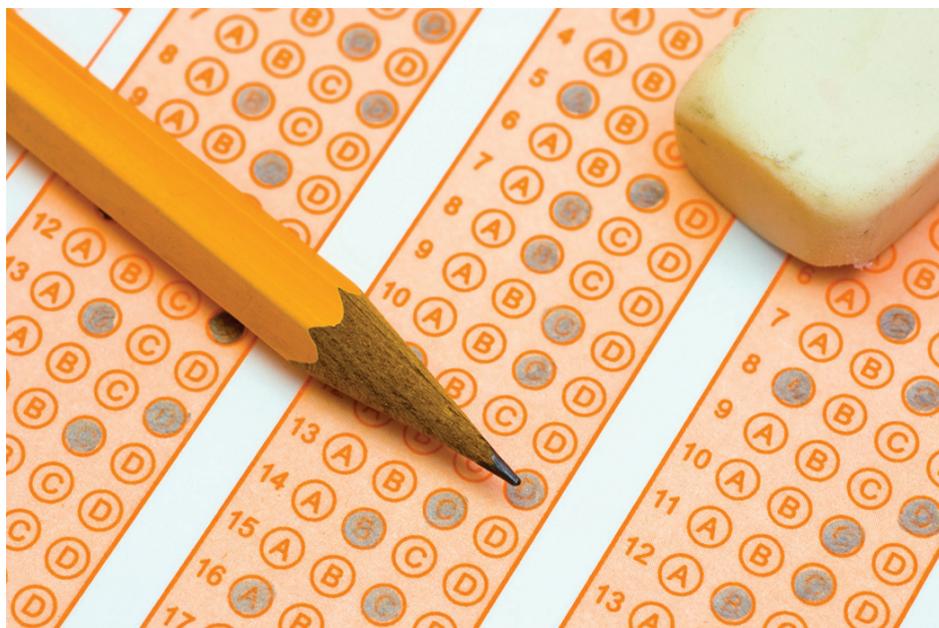
Remember, the **Submit Inventory** button is visible only during the submission window.

For example, on March 27, 2009, the following system message will be sent: “Your DATIP Quarterly inventory is due on April 1, 2009. Please submit the inventory for this quarter.”

This provides a 10-day window for inventory submission. The early inventory window closes on the fifth of the month.

On April 6, 2009, the late notification window opens with a system message to those stocking TCOs who have not submitted the Quarterly Inventory: “Your DATIP inventory is currently past due. There are five days remaining to submit an inventory for this period.”

This opens the Late Quarterly Inventory Window, which closes April 10, 2009. Once this



window closes, the **Submit Inventory** button is no longer available.

On April 17, 2009, the DANTES exam section receives the Late Status files that show which test sites did not use the Web DATIP Quarterly Inventory process.

How to submit an inventory

Login to EMIS and click on Web DATIP. Then, click on **Help** on the top menu.

If viewed online, under the **Reports** section, click on **Submit Inventory**.

The help instructions are printable, and information on this section is on page 13 of the printout.

To submit an inventory report to the testing agency, click or mouse over **Reports** on the toolbar. Click the **Submit Inventory** link.

Select **All** for an exam program, and click the **View & Print** button. Utilizing the report, conduct an inventory of exams in the security container.

Again, click or mouse over **Reports** on the toolbar. Click the **Submit Inventory** link.

* **Note:** This is a revised procedure to ensure that the user generates the report and conducts the inventory prior to submitting the inventory.

Click the **Yes** button to certify and submit your inventory for the reporting interval.

The inventory reports are electronically forwarded to the respective testing agency.

* **Note:** The **Submit Inventory** link will only be present for stocking test sites that have not submitted their inventory.

Additionally, the link will only be present during the window of opportunity to submit an inventory.

Stocking DANTES Test Sites are designated as monthly or quarterly for the purposes of inventory submission.

* **Reminder:** For monthly and quarterly inventory submissions, the normal inventory submission window is five days before and five days after the end of the inventory reporting period.

Test sites that fail to submit an inventory report during this inventory submission window will receive a system message directing the submission of the inventory report within five days.

After this date, no inventory report can be submitted for the previous monthly or quarterly reporting period.

Carelessness = test site suspensions

With the high turnover rate of DANTES Test Control Officers (TCO) and test security lapses, certain incidences will cause testing agencies to request test site suspension and order the return of all academic examinations. These include, but are not limited to, the following.

⇒ After a stocking test site TCO has departed for more than 30 days and a replacement has not been appointed by DANTES. Also, when a non-stocking TCO departs without a replacement, the site will be suspended.

⇒ When controlled exam

material is outside the required chain of custody (e.g. lost or compromised).

⇒ When a stocking test site does not submit a quarterly inventory. In the past year, this was an indicator of a lost exam.

The suspension may be lifted after all academic examinations are returned and there are no losses. The use of paper-based academic exams is at

risk for military test sites.

A test compromise or loss by even one site, depending on the overall program damage, can impact all military paper-based test sites.



ASE registration forms available

The National Institute for Automotive Services Excellence (ASE) has worked with DANTES for many years, through its testing vendor ACT, to offer ASE tests to Service members around the world.

TCOs should direct potential ASE examinees to download registration forms at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

National ASE registration requires that candidates test at national locations. Forms specific to DANTES display a "D" on them.

The deadline for ASE/ACT to receive all DANTES registration forms is March 24. A \$36 non-refundable ASE registration fee must accompany the registration form.

For questions, or to request additional assistance, send an e-mail to certprog@navy.mil or call 850-452-1111 Ext. 3194.

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